Mr. Shabdai S. Koder.—Was there any instance of delay in the case of students studying in schools in the State?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon.—I want notice.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Is it not for the Government to make such arrangement as would ensure the stipend going into the hands of the students a few days before the fees days?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon.—This difficulty has been anticipated and a strict circular has been issued to Heads of schools. In spite of that, it is possible that a case may arise where as I said the stipend has to be paid to a student residing outside the State and therefore they have made the delay. Therefore, every possible means are being adopted to see that the stipends reach the students in time.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Will the Hon'ble Member kindly inform the House whether the circular which he mentions has been obeyed by the school authorities?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon.—If there were infractions, the matter would have been brought to the notice of the department. Except the case that I have mentioned, I do not remember to have received any complaint.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—After receiving this question, had the Hon'ble Member any occasion to enquire whether this circular was mostly obeyed?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon.—There is no point in making any enquiry after the receipt of this question. If any case of infraction has been brought to the notice of the department the person responsible for such infraction has been seriously dealt with.

Educational facilities—Akathiyoor Village.

2. **Mr. T. C. Iyyukutty.**— Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether there is any school at Akathiyoor village;

(b) the nearest school for the Akathiyoor village;

(c) the distance from Akathiyoor to the school mentioned in (b)?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon.—(a) No.

(b) M. K. M. School, Porkalam.

(c) A mile and a half.

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Mr. T. C. Iyyukutty.—Was this distance mentioned here the remotest boundary of the Akathiyoor village?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon.—It is the remotest distance and by the proper route, not the shortest route.

Mr. T. C. Iyyukutty.—Will not the school-going children find it inconvenient?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon.—It is a matter of opinion. It is only in terms of personal preference.

Mr. T. C. Iyyukutty.—Then cannot a school be opened at Akathiyoor?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon.—That is a further question for which I want notice.

Committee to enquire into the deterioration of the standard of English among pupils—Deliberations of.

3. Mr. A. Narayana Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) whether the Committee appointed to go into the question of improving knowledge in English and the mother tongue if S. S. L. C. students has submitted its report;

(2) who are the members of the Committee:

(3) what are the terms of references to the committee;

(4) (a) has the committee submitted its report;

(b) what are the recommendations made;

(c) have the Government passed orders on the report; and

(d) if so, what?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon.—(1) No committee was appointed to go into the question of improving knowledge in English and the Mother-tongue of the S. S. L. C. students. A Committee to enquire into the deterioration of the standard of English among the pupils was, however, appointed and if the Member refers to this committee it has submitted its report.

(2) The members of this Committee are—

Messrs. 1. L. S. Subbaraya Ayyar, Inspector, Northern Division (now retired). President and Convener.

2 K. Rama Menon, Head-master, S. R. V. High School Ernakulam. Member.

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